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## **REMARKS**

This application has been considered in light of the Restriction Requirement issued on July 21, 2003. In the Restriction Requirement the Examiner required an election between the claims of Group I including claims 1-16 and 87-100 drawn to a composite material and claims 17-26 and 101 drawn to a method of producing a composite.

In response to the Restriction Requirement applicant's elect the claims of Group I without traverse subject to applicant's right to file a divisional application with respect to the nonelected species of Group II.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this election it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number shown below.

As this response is being filed after the shortened

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statutory period a request for one (1) month extension of time until September 21, 2003, is submitted herewith together with the required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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